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CLAIMS

A coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal,
 said apparatus comprising:

intra-coding means for performing intra-coding in which coded block formed by division of a time-varying image signal to a plurality of blocks are coded as they are; and

coding controlling means for performing control of coding so that successive intra-coding of N pictures are performed from a beginning of communication.

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- 2. The coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal according to claim 1, wherein said coding controlling means makes picture qualities of (N-1) pictures from the beginning of communication relatively rough and makes a picture quality of a Nth picture from the beginning of the communication relatively fine.
- 3. A base station apparatus including a coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, said coding apparatus comprising:
- 20 intra-coding means for performing intra-coding in which coded block formed by division of a time-varying image signal to a plurality of blocks are coded as they are; and

coding controlling means for performing control of coding so that successive intra-coding of N pictures are performed from a beginning of communication.

4. A communication terminal apparatus including a

coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, said
coding apparatus comprising:

intra-coding means for performing intra-coding in which coded block formed by division of a time-varying image signal to a plurality of blocks are coded as they are; and

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coding controlling means for performing control of coding so that successive intra-coding of N pictures are performed from a beginning of communication.

5. A decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, said apparatus comprising:

decoding means for decoding an image-coded data;
memorizing means for memorizing position information
of a coded block in a time-varying image signal, the coded
block corresponding to an image-coded data that could not
correctly be decoded owing to a transmission error, in
a case where said image-coded data is an image-coded data
after performing of intra-coding thereof; and

requiring means for ascertaining whether a coded block that could not correctly be decoded even once exists in said memorizing means or not when a first image-coded data after performing of motion compensation prediction coding thereof from a beginning of communication is received, and for requiring transmission of a picture after performing of intra-coding thereof when existence of the coded block, which has not been decoded correctly, is ascertained.

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6. The decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal according to claim 5, wherein said decoding means does not perform decoding of the image-coded data after performing of the motion compensation prediction coding thereof in a case where the coded block that could not correctly be coded even once exists in said memorizing means when the first image-coded data after performing of the motion compensation prediction coding from the beginning of the communication is received.

7. A base station apparatus including a decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, said decoding apparatus comprising:

decoding means for decoding an image-coded data;
memorizing means for memorizing position information
of a coded block in a time-varying image signal, the coded
block corresponding to an image-coded data that could not
correctly be decoded owing to a transmission error, in
a case where said image-coded data is an image-coded data
after performing of intra-coding thereof; and

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requiring means for ascertaining whether a coded block that could not correctly be decoded even once exists in said memorizing means or not when a first image-coded data after performing of motion compensation prediction coding thereof from a beginning of communication is received, and for requiring transmission of a picture after performing of intra-coding thereof when existence of the coded block, which has not been decoded correctly, is

ascertained.

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8. A communication terminal apparatus including a decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, said decoding apparatus comprising:

decoding means for decoding an image-coded data;
memorizing means for memorizing position information
of a coded block in a time-varying image signal, the coded
block corresponding to an image-coded data that could not
correctly be decoded owing to a transmission error, in
a case where said image-coded data is an image-coded data
after performing of intra-coding thereof; and

requiring means for ascertaining whether a coded block that could not correctly be decoded even once exists in said memorizing means or not when a first image-coded data after performing of motion compensation prediction coding thereof from a beginning of communication is received, and for requiring transmission of a picture after performing of intra-coding thereof when existence of the coded block, which has not been decoded correctly, is ascertained.

9. A coding method of a time-varying image signal, said coding method comprising:

an intra-coding step for performing intra-coding in which coded blocks formed by division of a time-varying image signal to a plurality of blocks are coded as they are; and

a coding controlling step for performing control of

coding so that successive intra-coding of N pictures is performed from a beginning of communication, and for making picture qualities of (N-1) pictures from the beginning of the communication relatively rough, and further for making a quality of a Nth picture from the beginning of the communication relatively fine.

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- 10. A decoding method of a time-varying image signal, said method comprising:
 - a decoding step for decoding an image-coded data;
- a memorizing step for memorizing position information of a coded block in a time-varying image signal, the coded block corresponding to an image-coded data that could not correctly be decoded owing to a transmission error, in a case where said image-coded data is an image-coded data after performing of intra-coding thereof; and
- a requiring step for ascertaining whether a coded block that could not correctly be decoded even once exists or not when a first image-coded data after performing of motion compensation prediction coding thereof from a beginning of communication is received, and for requiring transmission of a picture after performing of intra-coding thereof when existence of the coded block, which has not been decoded correctly, is ascertained.
- 25 11. The decoding method of a time-varying image signal according to claim 10, wherein in said decoding step, decoding of the image-coded data after performing of the

motion compensation prediction coding thereof is not performed in a case where the coded block that could not correctly be coded even once exists when the first image-coded data after performing of the motion compensation prediction coding from the beginning of the communication is received.